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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Suhan Ni	2615	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-11 and 21-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,5 and 12-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-3, 18-20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Art Unit: 2615

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group **Art Unit 2615**.

Response to Election/Restriction

2. This communication is responsive to the provisional election made without traverse on 07/17/2006 to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-5 and 12-20. Other Groups, including claims 6-11 and 21-24 are withdrawn from further consideration, as being drawn to a non-elected invention. A complete reply to a future final office action must include cancellation of non-elected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144). See MPEP § 821.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 4-5 and 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Son (U. S. Pat. App. Pub. – 2003/0044,031).

Regarding claims 1 and 12, Son discloses a method of operating a multifunction transducer (Fig. 1), the method comprising: applying a first signal (16-17) component that has substantial signal power in a frequency range, to a multifunction transducer that exhibits a resonance in the frequency range; applying a second signal (14-15) component to the

multifunction transducer. But Son does not clearly teach that the frequency range of the first signal is substantially centered between a pair of adjacent notes of a musical scale as claimed. Since providing a suitable, especially commercially available musical signal for a cellular phone is very well known in the art, it therefore would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to be motivated to provide at least one suitable musical signal, such as a song with a pair of adjacent notes for the cellular phone as an alternate choice, in order to provide more desirable cellular phone to users.

Regarding claims 4-5 and 13-14, Son does not clearly teach that the second signal component comprises: applying a signal component that consists essentially of notes on the musical scale as claimed. Since providing a suitable, especially commercially available musical signal for a cellular phone is very well known in the art, it therefore would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to be motivated to provide at least one suitable musical signal for the cellular phone as an alternate choice, in order to provide more desirable cellular phone to users.

Regarding claims 15-17, Son further discloses the method, wherein: applying the first signal component comprises applying a signal component that includes spectral power at frequencies that are detectable by tactile sense, at a power level sufficient to excite resonance of the multifunction transducer of sufficient amplitude to be detected by tactile sense (9) as claimed.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2-3 and 18-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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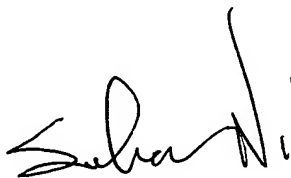
Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Suhan Ni** whose telephone number is **(571)-272-7505**, and the number for fax machine is **(571)-273-7505**. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, and may be reached on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. If it is necessary, the examiner's supervisor, **Sinh N. Tran**, can be reached at **(571)-272-7564**.

6. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (**PAIR**) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov/>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

7. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is **(571)-272-2600**, or please see <http://www.uspto.gov/web/info/2600>.

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